(c) The Interest on Delayed Payments to Small Scale and Ancillary Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, 1993.

(d) The Gold Bonds (Immunities and Exemptions) Ordinance, 1993.

3. General Discussion on the Railway Budget for 1993-94.

Re. ALLEGED ASSAULT ON AN M. L. A. OF THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Yes, Mr. S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, with great anguish and grave concern, I want to raise an important issue.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Very important.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, I am raising this issue because there is an attempt to suppress the Opposition and also to launch a threat against the minorities in a part of this country.

Sir, this morning I received a phone call from the Leader of the Opposition in Tamil Nadu that Mr. Peter Alphonse, a Christian, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, has been attacked by hooligans and thugs... (*Interruptions*) ...in the vicinity, in the premises of the MLA's Hostel. While attacking him, the rowdies shouted, "If you raise your voice in the Assembly, you will be finished"! Mr. Peter Alphonse belongs to a minority community and he is a Member of the Opposition Party. This threat to his life is made in the Hostel. What does it mena? Here I want to quote Edmund Burke, the greatest parliamentarian of the world. Edmund Burke once said in the House of Commons:

"It is the nature of despotism to annihilate all intermediate powers, but for its own momentary pleasures, between its boundless sterngth and the total debility of its people."

So, the despotic and arrogant nature of the leadership of Tamil Nadu Government can be seen and it is following the tactics mentioned by Edmund Burke in the 18th century. So, it is high time for the Government to consider, when there is a threat to the minority communities and when the Opposition is suppressed, how to deal. Is it not time to deal with this State Government seriously?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir,... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir,... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): You see, the Chairman has given permission to Mr. Subramanian Swamy. After that, I will allow you.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, what happened to Mr. Peter Alphonse is no ordinary matter. In the MLAs hostel, goons came in, police was totally looking on, which means there is connivance, which means reckless misuse of power. The Home Minister is here. If this is the position of an all-India ruling party's Members who were till yesterday in alliance with the ruling party there, it is incumbent—and I can tell you, Sir, that I have faced for the last four months nothing but violent attacks from the goons of the Anna DMK, and these all have been documented in the press—and I would like the Home Minister to make a statement on the state of this MLA because it is not an ordianry matter, it is not a State matter, but it is a matter dealing with democracy and the functioning of the Constitution. Therefore, if he is unable to ensure the safety of the MLAs there he should dismiss the Government immediately.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I would like to put the record straight. Sir, this matter has been raised by Mr. S. K. T. Ramachandran and Mr. Subramanian Swamy. I also convey my deep regret on the incident that has happened there. Mr. Alphonse is one of the leading MLAs in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, and he also belongs to the Congress(I) Party. What has happened in Tamil Nadu at the MLAs hostel is most regrettable. This matter, Sir, has been taken up at the Tamil Nadu Assembly level, and the Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Assembly is fully seized of the matter. When it was reported to the Speaker, both the Speaker and the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu have squarely condemned the attack, and they have offered protection to be given to the hon. Members for attending the meetings and also to voice forth their grievances in the Assembly.

Sir, I would also wish to place on record here, Sir, only as a technical matter, that this matter pertains to a Member... (*Interruptions*) Please allow me to say.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Let him complete.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: This matter is about a Member of a Legislative Assembly. The Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Assembly is already seized of the matter.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: They are not allowed to speak there.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I want to know whether it is right on the part of Rajya Sabha to take up a matter, a matter which the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is already seized of and on which he has already conveyed his regrets and said that after enquiry punishment will be noted out to the persons concerned. I want to place here on record, Sir, whether it will be appropriate for this House to take up and discuss the matter here. Again, Sir, it is a law and order problem. Even though it is a law and order problem —Mr. Subramanian Swamy said that it can be raised here—again I leave it to your good sense, Sir, whether it can be raised here. Sir, the matter is like this. What happened it this... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is not an isolated incident.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: It reveals, it manifests how the law and order situation has deteriorated in Tamil Nadu. It shows how the...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I am not going here into...

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: ...the Opposition parties are treated there...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I am not going here into a wider question. (*Interruptions*) I will confine myself to what has happened because I have already got information from the Tamil Nadu Government as to what has happened. And I am also concerned as a Member of this House, as one who wants to protect the democratic rights of the Members of this House and the other House. (*Interruptions*) I am equally concerned ...(*Interruptions*) Please allow me.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:**

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:** What kind of democracy is it? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Ramachandran, kindly take your seat.

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SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Kindly allow me.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Subramanian Swamy, no reference can be made relating to the proceedings of a State Legislature. I think, it will be removed from the record.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is not the proceedings... (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Proceedings of a State Legislature cannot be referred here.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: He raised the matter. He also said about the MLA. That should also be expunged.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I only said that the MLA has complained. What I said was that the MLA has already complained to the Speaker... (*Interruptions*)... The Speaker is seized of the matter. Not only the speaker...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, ust a minute

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Just a minute. You can also clarify the position...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Please allow me to say what I want to say. Then you can speak.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I don't think that Mr. Swaminathan can speak on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government in this House. So far as the Government is concerned, unless we get a report from the Tamil Nadu Government, Mr. Swaminahan's version will not be considered as proper.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I am concerned about the matter. I am not speaking on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. (*Interruptions*) I am the leader of my party here.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : चव्हाण साहब यह क्या बात हुई ? यहां इल्जाम लगाया गया है और उनकी पार्टी की तरफ से रियल पोजीशन सामने रख रहे है। क्यों नहीं रखने दे रहे हैं ... (व्यवधान)

Why can't he do it? This is very strange.

†[زیبتا وروڈیی دل (شری سکندر بخت): چوان صاحب یہ کیا بات ہوئی - یہاں الزام لگایا گیا ہے اور انکی پارٹی کی طرف سے ریل پوزیشن سامنے رکھ رہے ہیں - کیوں نہیں رکھنے دے رہے ہیں ....]

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I am just telling you what happened. I have never said that I am speaking on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. Please see the record. Now-

†[ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script.

here I have said that I am speaking on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. I am not that Government. But as a Member of this House, from Tamil Nadu, as the leader of my party here, I should be allowed to say what happened here. I should be given a chance. I have collected some information. I would like to place the inforamtion before the House. (*Interruptions*) Of course, the Home Minister can say what he wants to. He has got a right to enquire. (*Interruptions*) The matter is this. (*Interruptions*) I am just telling you what happened there. Kindly hear me. I would like to tell you what happened there. This gentleman's name is Peter Alphonse. At about 7.40 a.m., this incident took place at the MLAs hotel. He has complained that one Sudha Gopalan and three other accused, belonging to Nallai town, went there. He said that this Sudha Gopalan is the Secretary of the MGR Manram, belonging to the AIADMK party. According to the complaint made by him, this Sudha Gopalan and three other persons assaulted him with a stick. This is what he has said. Immediately, the matter was conveyed to the Chief Minister. She expressed regrets Not only she expressed regrets. What did she do? She expelled this Sudha Gopalan. This Sudha Gopalan has been expelled from the primary membership of the party.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: For how long?

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: The three other accused have not been caught. They will also be expelled. If they belong to the AIADMK party, I assure this House that they will also be expelled from that party.

Sir, one more thing I would like to point out here. This gentleman, Alphonse, belongs to Tirunelveli. These people also belong to Tirunelveli. Now, Peter Alphonse has said that he was beaten with a stick. But the information that is with I.G. is that he was beaten with hand. It was just a minor injury. Therefore, he did not go to the hospital, but he went straight to the Assembly.***

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, kindly be brief.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: You allowed them to speak, but when I want to put the other point of view, you do not allow me.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI NARAYANASAMY): In the zero hour, you have to brief. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I am not going into the details. The three other persons will also be caught. The police are chasing them. Suitable action will be taken.

There is one more thing. At 10 a.m. the Budget was to be presented in the State Assembly. We feel that there was some sort of a premeditated plan. As I said, these persons belong to Tirunelveli. This gentleman, Peter Alphonse, also belongs to Tirune-

***Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

lveli. I feel that there was some sort of a premediated plan to stall the presentation of the Budget in the Assembly. This gentleman went there. Three others also went there *** (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, the proceedings of the State Legislature cannot be referred to here.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: The Speaker has ordered action. The Speaker has said. The Chief Minister has said. But he went there. (*Interruptions*) Please allow me to speak. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: This attack is premedidated, pre-planned and predetermined. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Ramachandran, please sit down. He is going to conclude now.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: The Speaker has said that he would look into the matter. He has said that he would look into the question of breach of privilege of the Member. But these persons went there. They went there***

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, you cannot refer to the proceedings of the State Assembly here. That will be removed from the record.

***Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: This seems to be a sort of premeditated affair. (*Interruptions*) As I pointed out, these persons belong to Tirunelveli. This gentleman also belongs to Tirunelevli. These persons supposedly belong to the AIADMK. (*Interruptions*) We feel that there is some sort of a plan as per which this thing is being done. This is some sort of a preplanned action to see that the Assembly is not allowed to continue, to see that the Budget is not allowed to be presented, so that appropriate action, as is the wish of Mr. Subramanian Swamy, could be taken. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, he is rising on a point of order.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I do not yield.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: But he is on a point of order.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I do not yield. A point of order cannot be raised on a speech made by a Member. It can be raised only when there is regular business. How can there be a point of order on my speech? I do not yield.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I have to find out whether it is a point of order or not. I have to find out what is going to say.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, Mr. Swaminathan is explaining what was going on in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

What has happened in a particular House or in the other House or in the Legislative Assembly of a State, should not be explained here. Also Mr. Swaminathan said that***

So, as I understand from him, in order to prevent Peter Alphonse's entry, his party people premediated and pre-determined this conspiracy. So, the cat is out of the bag. Mr. Swaminathan, instead of supporting his leader, is trying to pull down his leader. I think Mr. Swaminathan is doing something against the interest of his own leader.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, in the beginning itself I raised the same point of order that you are discussing...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Please conclude.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: About a matter concerning an MLA of the Tamil Nadu Assembly, the Tamil Nadu Speaker and the Tamil Nadu Assembly are concerned. I wanted to know whether it was right on the part of the Members of this House to take up the matter. You allowed them to take up the matter. And once you allowed them to take up a matter which concerns Tamil Nadu Speaker and the Tamil Nadu Assembly, naturally I should be allowed to reply on that matter. When you allow others to talk on the matter, you should not stop me. Otherwise, the whole thing should not go on record. Suppose, you feel what has happened in the Tamil Nadu Assembly should not be taken up here which is my view also—I had been the presiding officer of a House; my feeling is that it is not right on our part to discuss any thing that has happened there—then naturally the whole thing should go out of the record. If you allow these things to go on record, if you have allowed them to speak, then allow me also.

Finaly,...(*Interruptions*).

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THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Would you please hear me? Any matter relating to the proceedings of the Assembly cannot be referred to in this House. I have already told you. I said it will be removed from the record. Any attack on any Members of the Legislature can be raised by the Members. There is no bar. You can refer to it. You can give a reply, but you cannot refer to the other things which proceedings of the other House or the Legislative Assembly. These things cannot be referred to here. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN. I know that, but the only point is...

AN HON. MEMBER You can ask the Government to come out with a statement.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: If suppose, some points are raised. I think, the right to reply with to the Government. He does not belong to the Government Benches. So, I do not think...(*Interruptions*). He cannot.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): You should have reacted earlier when they raised the matter. You should have reacted earlier. allowed.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Let me understand the point of view. Mr. Upendra, you can raise a point, I am prepared to reply to you, but this is not the way. Mr. Swaminathan cannot reply on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I am not replying on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Swaminathan, kindly conclude now. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Again I say that I am not replying on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. I am only saying that as a leader of the ADMK party which is ruling there I am replying. So, I never said that...

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: A mention has been made about the incident. A Member has given certain information about the incident in Tamil Nadu. Another Member has some more information about the incident. Why can't he give it? (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Upendra, let him conclude.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Mr. Upendra, let me conclude.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): He should not reply. (*Interruptions*). This should not be made a practice here.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I have got certain information. I should be allowed to explain. (*Interruptions*). You cannot gag me. Finally, I would like to advise... (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): He is going to conclude. Now you take your seat.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Finally, I would advise from here that any Member of any Legislature or any person in political affairs should not cast aspersions or launch a personal attack on individuals. The same Member, from outside the House yesterday spoke badly and damagingly and launched a personal attack on the Chief Minister. I would only advise, let them take up the issue there ... (*Interruptions*).

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN (MADHYA PRADESH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, you allowed the Congress Members to speak, but you do not allow other Members to speak here. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Prof. Saurin Bhattacharya. (*Interruptions*)

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Mr. Swaminathan has a right to speak here.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Prof. Saurin Bhattacharya. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The hon. Home Minister must make a statement in the House and tell us the correct position.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Certainly, we would like to get the facts from the Tamil Nadu Government.

RE. DISCONNECTION OF POWER SUPPLY TO PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS IN KANPUR, U.P.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me the permission to raise a matter of some importance, I should say. As a matter of fact, it is since the 7th of March, i.e. from the Holi-eve, that power supply to all the public sector industries in Kanpur was disconnected by the U.P. State Electricity Board and the Kanpur Electric Supply Administration, for non-payment of increased charges. The UPSEB, sometime back, increased the electricity charges. The public sector industries then approached the court against this increase. On one occasion, a representative of a public sector undertaking did not present himself before the court. The case was dismissed. Thereafter, immediately thereafter, power supply to all the public sector industries—the NTC mill, the tannery factories and other undertakings in the public sector—was disconnected by the U.P. State Electricity Board and the Kanpur Electric Supply Administration. The chief executives of all these